

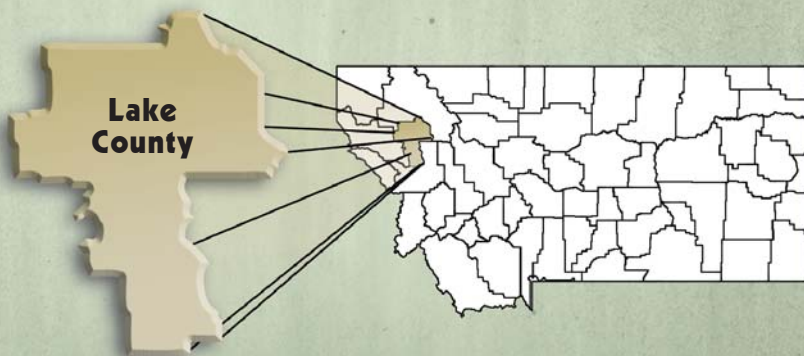
Demographic & Economic Information for

Lake County



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Lake County

Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous county, with an estimated 28,438 residents as of July 1st, 2007. Polson, the county seat, is the state's 17th largest city, with a population estimated at 5,046 in 2007.¹ Other cities and towns in Lake County include: Arlee, Big Arm, Charlo, Dayton, Dixon, Elmo, Pablo, Ravalli, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and Swan Lake.

The vast majority of Lake County resides within the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). The CSKT Tribal Complex, The People's Center, and Salish-Kootenai College are all located in Pablo, MT, which serves as headquarters for the tribes.

Lake County is named for Flathead Lake, the majority of which is bordered by the county. Lake County also features the National Bison Range, St. Ignatius Mission, the Mission Mountain Range, and part of the vast Bob Marshall Wilderness.

¹*U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program*

Resources for Lake County

Chambers of Commerce

Polson Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 667, Polson, MT 59860

Ph: (406) 883-5969, www.polsonchamber.com

E-mail: chamber@polsonchamber.com

Ronan Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864

Ph: (406) 676-8300, Fax: (406) 676-4110

St. Ignatius Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 254, Saint Ignatius, MT 59865

Ph: (406) 745-4884

Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 5199, Swan Lake, MT 59911

Ph: (406) 886-2303

Job Service Workforce Center

Mission Valley One-Stop Workforce Center

417-B Main Street, P. O. Box 970, Polson, MT 59860

Ph: (406) 883-7880, Fax: (406) 883-4564

www.jsd.dlii.mt.gov/local/polson

Newspapers

Char-Koosta News - P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855

Ph: (406) 675-2830, Fax: (406) 675-2831

E-mail: charkoosta@cskt.org, www.charkoosta.com

Lake County Leader

P. O. Box 1090, Polson, MT 59860

Ph: (406) 883-4343, www.leaderadvertiser.com

Economic Development

Lake County Community Development Corp.

407 Main Street SW, P. O. Box 128

Ronan, MT 59864, Ph: (406) 676-5901

www.lakecountycdc.org

Salish Kootenai College

Tribal Business Information Center

P. O. Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855, Ph: (406) 675-4800,

Fax: (406) 675-4801, E-mail: nancy_warneke@skc.edu

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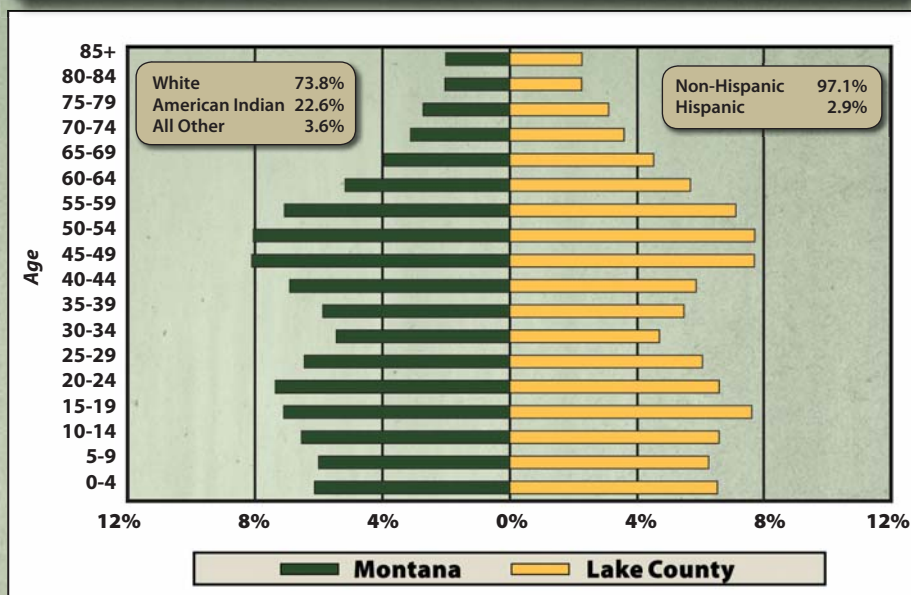
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Population for Lake County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2007	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	April 1, 2000
Lake County	7.3%	28,438	28,394	27,993	27,625	27,118	26,843	26,846	26,507
Polson city	24.9%	5,046	4,942	4,802	4,658	4,505	4,321	4,228	4,041
Ronan city	10.6%	2,004	1,993	1,948	1,929	1,888	1,877	1,857	1,812
St. Ignatius town	2.9%	811	818	813	802	791	788	793	788
Balance of Lake Cnty.	3.6%	20,577	20,641	20,430	20,236	19,934	19,857	19,968	19,866

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lake County, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates

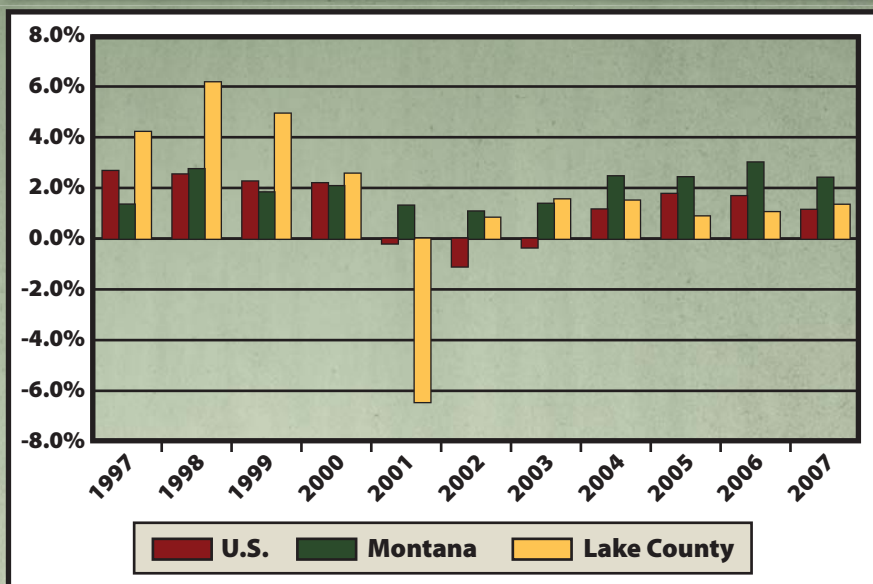
Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lake County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	15.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.8%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	15.6%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2007

U.S., Montana, and Lake County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 15 Private Employers in Lake County

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2008 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A & W Polson	4	S & K Electronics	5
Community Bank	5	St. Joseph Hospital	6
Home Caregivers Inc.	5	St. Luke Community Hospital	7
Jore Corporation	6	Safeway	5
McDonald's of Polson & Ronan	6	Super 1 Foods	6
Mission Mountain Enterprises	6	Tamsco Manufacturing	5
Mission Valley Power	5	Wal-Mart	6
Plum Creek Manufacturing	6		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Lake County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	1,280	1,185	8%
Land in farms (acres)	637,306	601,544	6%
Average size of farms (acres)	498	508	-2%
Median size of farms (acres)	40	70	-43%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,221	1,110	10%
1,000 acres or more	59	75	-21%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,186	1,095	8%
\$100,000 or more	94	90	4%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,209	1,121	8%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	71	64	11%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	40,923	45,258	-10%
Hogs and pigs	119	198	-40%
Sheep and lambs	1,423	1,743	-18%
Horses and ponies	4,943	4,499	10%
Bison	79	556	-86%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	3,553	(D)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	950	320	197%
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,135	575	97%
Wheat for grain, All	10,592	10,847	-2%
Winter wheat for grain	2,491	(D)	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	8,101	7,529	8%
Durum wheat for grain	0	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	703	1,019	-31%
Barley for grain	2,266	2,562	-12%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	44,784	59,000	-24%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	565	650	-13%
Other	715	535	34%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,103	1,059	4%
Not on farm operated	177	126	40%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	371	391	-5%
10 years or more	909	794	14%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	530	557	-5%
55 years and over	750	628	19%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.5	56.0	3%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	970	8,558	\$28,025
TOTAL PRIVATE	919	5,937	\$25,452
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	32	117	\$23,339
Crop production	10	52	\$17,688
Animal production	2	*	*
Forestry and logging	11	45	\$30,523
Agriculture & forestry support	9	*	*
MINING	3	15	\$45,923
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	6	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	191	621	\$27,001
Construction of buildings	70	197	\$26,259
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12	42	\$31,479
Specialty trade contractors	109	382	\$26,897
MANUFACTURING	47	793	\$30,976
Food manufacturing	5	36	\$21,145
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	11	\$19,357
Textile product mills	3	11	\$19,848
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	10	219	\$33,414
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	3	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	15	\$21,056
Furniture and related product mfg	5	22	\$23,121
Miscellaneous manufacturing	6	14	\$29,596
WHOLESALE TRADE	28	115	\$23,872
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	14	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	11	74	\$24,477
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	131	1,178	\$22,945
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	18	197	\$29,938
Furniture and home furnishings stores	5	25	\$23,370
Electronics and appliance stores	6	42	\$44,036
Building material & garden supply stores	17	154	\$24,825
Food and beverage stores	15	281	\$21,722
Health and personal care stores	8	53	\$25,168
Gasoline stations	16	132	\$14,867
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	7	25	\$14,747
General merchandise stores	4	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	23	63	\$8,635
Nonstore retailers	7	23	\$37,114

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	25	50	\$22,621
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	13	23	\$29,156
Transit and ground passenger transport	4	14	\$11,585
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	4	11	\$20,472
INFORMATION	15	133	\$49,063
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	25	\$25,920
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	4	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	42	240	\$35,668
Credit intermediation & related activity	23	193	\$36,261
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	5	7	\$46,050
Insurance carriers & related activities	14	41	\$31,159
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	48	69	\$21,134
Real estate	42	61	\$21,742
Rental and leasing services	6	8	\$16,176
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	0	0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	69	221	\$31,611
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	3	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	34	99	\$19,074
Administrative and support services	29	84	\$19,431
Waste management and remediation service	5	16	\$17,160
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	9	32	\$22,773
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	74	1,076	\$27,897
Ambulatory health care services	34	218	\$42,457
Hospitals	2	454	\$32,156
Nursing and residential care facilities	12	*	*
Social assistance	26	255	\$13,775
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	18	81	\$13,739
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	7	\$18,311
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	14	74	\$13,326
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	75	755	\$10,702
Accommodation	11	83	\$14,263
Food services and drinking places	64	672	\$10,261
OTHER SERVICES	72	232	\$16,375
Repair and maintenance	20	60	\$22,881
Personal and laundry services	14	39	\$17,161
Membership associations & organizations	26	103	\$10,660
Private households	13	30	\$22,022
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	51	2,622	\$33,852
Local Government	19	2,404	\$32,974
State Government	10	102	\$42,743
Federal Government	22	117	\$44,194

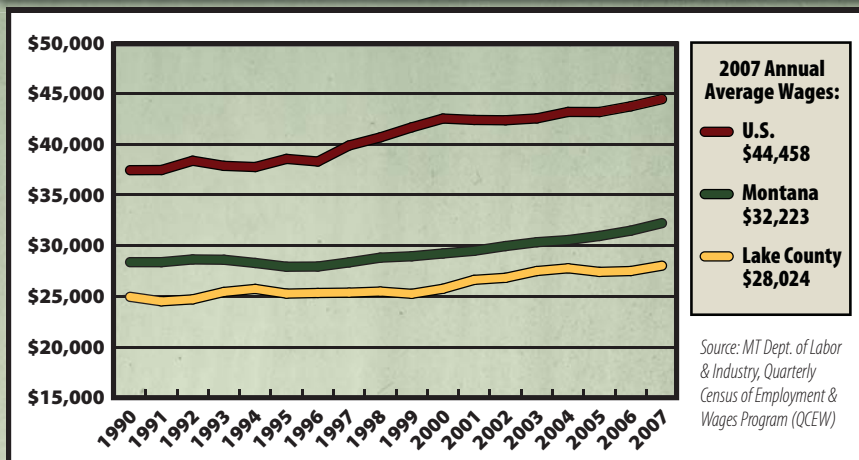
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Lake County

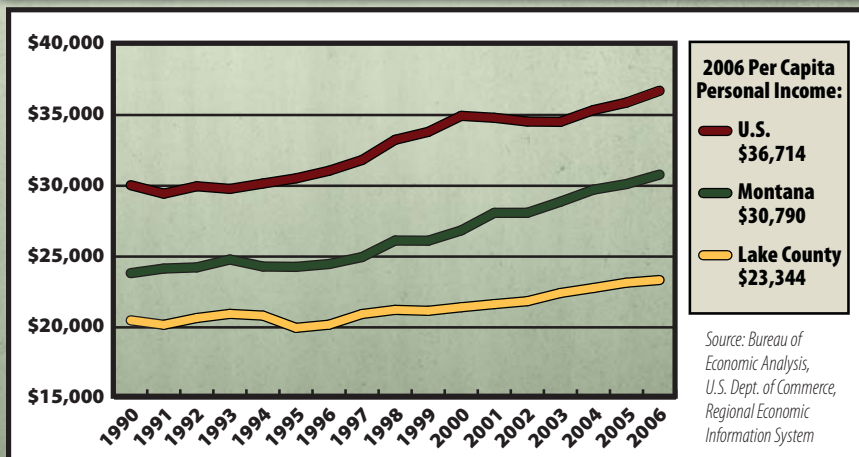
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2007	11,651	11,088	563	4.8%
2006	11,529	11,001	528	4.6%
2005	11,516	10,937	579	5.0%
2004	11,557	10,932	625	5.4%
2003	11,443	10,794	649	5.7%
2002	11,489	10,718	771	6.7%
2001	11,803	10,961	842	7.1%
2000	12,326	11,650	676	5.5%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2007 (In 2007 Dollars)



Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



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